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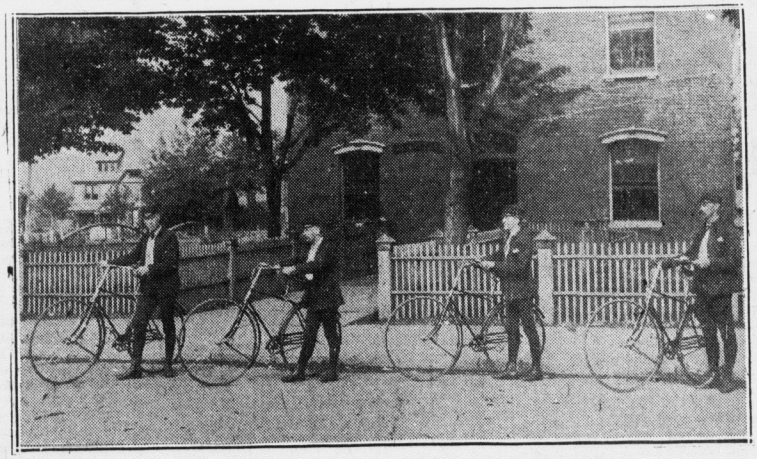
Tricycles in Carbondale



"Tricycles Were Introduced In Carbondale" At least that's what the headline read on the story that accompanied this picture in an old newspaper clipping. The picture was taken in August, 1891, at the site of the present Carbondale City Hall. An old iron bridge on Sixth Avenue can barely be seen behind the man on the left. The building in the background is the Trinity rectory. The unanswered question is why did the article refer to the bicycles as "Safety tricycles?" Were these the police vehicles of the last century? (Clipping courtesy of Oliver Shiffler.)